

Status of the claims:

1. (Herein Amended) In combination a releasable tube holder and a longitudinal support comprising,

said tubular holder including a circular plastic tube split lengthwise into longitudinally mirror image straight halves forming two opposed clamping members joined together at across a first pair of split edges and separated by a second pair split edges, each clamping member provided with at least one separated handle member positioned on one of the clamping member halves and opposite another handle member on the other clamping member half, said clamping member halves being identical in cross-section and together forming a cylindrical surface being hingedly connected by a living hinge formed by a groove between said first pair of split edges to activate opening and closing of the opposed clamping members and separation and closing of the second pair of split edges which engage and are secured to the support by applying and removing pressure on the oppositely positioned handle members.

2. (Herein Amended) In combination a releasable tube holder and a longitudinal support comprising,

said longitudinal support supporting a towel hanging therefrom,
said tubular holder including a circular plastic tube split lengthwise into longitudinally mirror image straight halves forming two opposed clamping members joined together at across a first pair of split edges and separated by a second pair of split edges, each clamping member provided with at least one separated handle member positioned on one of the clamping member halves and opposite another handle member on the other clamping member half, said clamping member halves being identical in cross-section and together forming a cylindrical surface being hingedly

connected by a living hinge formed by a groove between said first pair of split edges to activate opening and closing of the opposed clamping members and separation and closing of the second pair of split edges which engage and are secured to the support by applying and removing pressure on the oppositely positioned handle members.

6. (Allowed) In combination a releasable tube holder and a longitudinal support comprising,

said tubular holder including a circular plastic tube split lengthwise into longitudinally mirror image straight halves forming two opposed clamping members joined together at across a first pair of split edges and separated by a second pair of split edges, each clamping member provided with at least one separated handle member positioned on one of the clamping member halves and opposite another handle member on the other clamping member half, said clamping member halves being hingedly interconnected with a hinge pin connected by a hinge on each clamping member half said first pair of split edges with a torsion spring positioned between said first pair of split edges of said clamping member halves to activate opening and closing of the opposed clamping members and separation and closing of the second pair of split edges which engage and are secured to the support by applying and removing pressure on the oppositely positioned handle members.

7. (Herein Amended) In combination, a releasable tube holder and a longitudinal support comprising,

said tube holder including a circular plastic tube split lengthwise longitudinally into mirror image straight halves being identical in cross-section and together forming a cylindrical surface forming two opposed clamping members joined together at a first pair of straight across split edges and separated by a second pair of split edges, each clamping member provided with at least one separated handle member positioned on one of the clamping members and opposite another handle member on the other clamping member, said clamping member being hingedly connected by a living hinge member formed by a groove along one pair of said first pair of split edges to activate opening and closing of the opposed clamping members and separation and closing of said second pair of split edges which engage and are secured to the support by applying and removing pressure on the oppositely positioned handle members.

8. (Previously Amended). The holder of claim 7 wherein said living hinge member extends along and in the direction of said one pair of straight across split edges hingedly connected by said living hinge member extending along the axis of the first pair of split edges.

9. (Herein Canceled).

10. (Previously Canceled).